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TURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, 1879.

Our citizens will be glad to see from the following statistics, gathered from the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, that bur schools, although conducted at a less expense in proportion to the number of children attending them than those of any other elig in the Commonwealth, occupy a very high position as to regularity of attendance. We have no doubt they would show the same au-

periority as to proficiency in studies could that be subjected to the same test. Oring to the trial for conspiracy to defraud the city out of very large number of excellent private schools we have, and their very low charges, a smaller percentage of our white children attend public sabools than in any of the other cities, only 26 per cept., whilst Dapville bas as high as 61 : citizens of Freehold, N. J., are on trial for offerbut a larger proportion of colored children are enrolled here than in Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk or Fredericksburg.

Our percentage of attendance to average enrollment of white children, (93) is exceeded by Richmond only ; that of colored children (also 93) by Richmond and Petersburg only. This is the result of the rigid enforcement of the regulation prohibiting unnecessary absence.

Though we have no high school, the number studying the bigher branches is greater with us than in any of the other cities except Richmond and Norfolk, and the average age of pupils here is greater than anywhere except in the State. in Richmond and Manchester.

In the matter of expense, our showing is remarkably good; we have not had to supply a mittee of the Woman's Suffrage Convention, single pupil with text books, whilst other cities have been obliged to do much in that way, polygamous marriages. Norfolk, alone, having furnished 234. The following table shows the expense incurred for the education of each pupil in average attendance during the year ending July 31st, 1878, since which time our current expenses bave been materially diminished.

month-Stauntor. Richmond, Lynchburg. Wieobester. Portsmouth, Norfoik. Manchester. Peteraburg. Fredericksturg, 9 Alexandria. Danville.

The salaries of our teachers are some what below the average (\$70 for males and \$40 for females.) Ours get but an average of \$61.25 and \$38.22 respectively.

The Richmond Dispatch says that from the tenor of the speeches at the conference of the readjusters of the Legislature, held posterday by 4,000 men and boys at work between Allany evening, they intend under no circumstances to vote for any bill or support any movement or measure contemplating the payment of more than three per cent interest on the public debt. Mr. Barbour claimed that the readjusters were as firmly united as ever before. In fact, he argued to show that they had constantly made gains since the time when they chose a read- at one o'clock on Friday next the Senate will pro- road companies, including those of the State; juster as Speaker by only four majority. The caed to consider bills on the calendar not ob and a bill to amoud sections 44 and 45, chap adoption by both Houses of the resolutions calling for a conference of the creditors and notify ing all exceerned of the impracticability of inoreasing texation, he called a great victory. On quire and report to the Senate what railroad motion of Mr. Carter, of Loudoup, it was resolved "that as a fundamental principle of our organization, we pledge curseives to oppose, without qualification or equipocation, either by direct or indirect legislation, an increase of the rate of taxation."

Another congressional investigating subcommittee has been appointed-this one to proceed to Hampton and investigate the affairs of the Soldiers' Asylum there. Since the democrats have been in possession of the House its time has been almost entirely corsumed in the investigation of radical frauds, briberies and corruptions, but considering the positive and direct evidence that it has been possible for these committees to obtain, and that everybody but themselves has been aware of, they have secured fewer convictions, not only than the circumstances warranted, and that the country had a right to expect, but than similar evidence ever failed to gain before.

Judge Settle, of the U. S. District Court of payment of persions to the survivors of the Mexican and other wars. Florida, goes a bow shot beyond Judge Reives. of this State, and says that the federal courts can take jurisdiction in any case that may arise, in which either party thereto may apply for a transfer from the State Court upon the bare assertion that he cannot have jus.ise awarded assertion that he cannot have justice awarded to death by being chased by a horse. The horse him in that court. Better abolish the State had been turned losse in a lot near the dwelling. and was amusing himself chasing a small calf.

Mrs. Hyslop went out in the yard after the anicourts at once and let the fideral courts try all the cases. The States, by such a system, would at least be relieved of great expense, and as the whole plan of the government has been changed there is no use in keeping up false appearances any longer.

The Conservative Executive Committee of ing Walter W. Pegg, telegraph operator at the the first district recommend that the conservadepot of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line tives unite their votes upon Gen. Besle at the Railway, at Greenville, S. C., was found dead lying on the ground about a quarter of a mile approaching election to be held January 23d. from the depot and near the river, which runs through the town. The young man had had a The committee displaim any night to bind any conservative by this recommendation, but they love affair, the issue of which had been unfavordeem it proper to say, that, after making considerable ecquiry, they are satisfied that the course which they advise is approved by the bottle of morphine. public sentiment of the district, and will best conserve the public interests and promote the appointed Congressmen Evans, Maish and unity and efficiency of the conservative party. McCook, of the House Military Committee, to proceed to Hampton. Va., and investigate the charges contained in the papers forwarded to the

The State Senate yesterday agreed to the House amendments to the Senate resolution providing for a conference with the creditors of the State, or their representatives, to consider a the State, or their representatives, to consider a large scottantial in the papers for whether the management of the National Soldiers' Asylum. The charges were of district road tax in Shenandeath Co.; to prounteer officer now an invalid there, and were by the Secretary laid before the House. The charges passage of fish in the Shennandeath river; to plan of settlement which will not necessitate an allege the ill-treatment of inmates by Deputy Governor Woodfin, illegal expenditures of funds plan of settlement which will not necessitate an increase of texation. The conference will be held on the 221 inst., but the real friends of a readjustment have faint hopes of a satisfactory concerned with Woodfin in the irregularities to plan of settlement which will not necessitate an increase of texation. The conference will be held on the 221 inst., but the real friends of a readjustment have faint hopes of a satisfactory concerned with Woodfin in the irregularities to plan of the Code in relation to the jurisdiction of equity to enforce the wretch's terror and cowardice. The start fairs amend the Code with reference to bonds of democratic cascus of the North Carolina Legis form his self-inflicted wound, but merely from the statement of inmates by Deputy amend the Code with reference to bonds of democratic cascus of the North Carolina Legis form his self-inflicted wound, but merely from the statement of inmates by Deputy amend the Code with reference to bonds of democratic cascus of the North Carolina Legis form his self-inflicted wound, but merely from the statement of interior to the Jurisdiction or legis to the outest for the United States Senatorship, of Huncer's attempted suicide, it now appears, in the wretch's terror and cowardice. The start fails.

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The radicals who opposed the recently defeated bill for the relief of William and Mary Collegs, upon the ground that secession was taught at that college before the war, should have been informed that the text books used at West Point until some time after the war commenced taught the same lesson. The information would not have changed the result of the vote, but it would have tended to remove the mask behind which the radicals attempted

Senate, yesterday, practically defeats that cou

Richmond in time, and the amendment rend-

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Lake Boot and Shoe Macufacturing

Company, of Wolfboro', N. H., bays failed.

Their liabilities are estimated at nearly \$100,000.

City Commissioners Flaherty and Burnett,

Malin, purveyor, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are on

The tanners in the morocco factory of Jes.

Nevill & Sons and E. A. Smith & Bros., Phil-

John Taylor and Thomas Fallon, well known

ing money for votes at the November election. The penalty is \$1,000 fine, six months imprised-

ment, and ferfeiture of the elective franchise

The Louisiana legislative democratic caucus

balloted unsuccessfully for United States Sens

tor last night, the fifth and last ballot standing

Kenner 25, Eustis 23, Jonas 18, Herron 10, the

rest scattering. The caucus adjourned until

A severe shock of earthquake was felt in

Fiorida Sueday night, the motion appearing to

proceed from southeast to northwest, and in-

sensation was the first of the kind ever recorded

Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Williams, of Utah,

called on President Hayes yesterday us a com-

on the ice at Rondout. Sleighs took the place

post, and another making life insurance policies

non forfeitable after the second annual pay-

ment, bave been introduced in the Missouri

Senate; and in the House a bill making the

The ice harvest commenced at all points on

crime of outrage upon females punishable by

ited various localities to work up a general

strike for \$1.50 per day, instead of \$1. Three

of the leaders were arrested. There were mear-

and Poughkeopsie. The ice is from ten to

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE

directing the Secretary of the Interior to in-

company, individual or individuals are con-

structing or building a railroad across the public

domain in the Territory of Arizons, and by

what authority such road is being constructed.

At the conclusion of the morning business

submitted by him early in the session, to pro-

mote the agricultural interest of the country,

At the core usion of Mr. Davis' remarks the

Vice President laid before the Senate a num-

ber of executive communications, in response

resolution of Mr. Blaine of the third of June

lest, transmitting information and copies of

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

determined to postpone the Geneva award

bill, and went in committee on the bill for the

Frightened to Death.

Norrolk, Va. Jan. 14 .- On Suuday Mis

Mary Hyslop, the wife of Robert Hyslop, a well

known farmer of Norfolk county, was frightened

mal with a stick to drive him away from the calf,

when he turned and chased her. She fied back into the house overwhelmed with fright, and fell

on the floor in convulsions. A few hours after-

ward the expired from the effects of the fright.

Love and snielde.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 14 .- Sunday morn-

THE HAMPTON HOME .- General Banning has

The House by a vote year 112, nava 105

and spoke at length upon that subject.

Ordered that they be printed.

to the Senate during the morning hour Mr.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 1879.

sengers from the Hudson River Railroad.

in wages. The now get \$10 per week.

rs the conference almost useles:.

and their assets are \$40,000.

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relief of the Louise Home. to conceal the real cause of their opposition-A bill was also introduced and referred to isherent animosity toward every man and the Committee on Appropriations for refunding measure calculated to benefit the South. to the State of Maryland the money leaned the general government.

The action of the House of Delegates of Vir Among the bills passed was one for the relief ginia, last Saturday, in amending the Senate of the late Collector of Alaska territory, and resolution inviting a conference with the State's one to remove the political disabilities of James oreditors, and the concurrence therein of the Chesnut, of South Carolina.

The Senate then took up a resolution instructing the Committee on Agriculture to confarence. The day appointed for the proposed sider and report some plan for the improvement conference is too near for the creditors to reach of the agricultural interests of the country, and was addressed thereon by Mr. Davis, of West

FROM WASHINGTON.

SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

Numerous petitions from the women of dif-

such legislation as will put in force the recent

decision of the Supreme Court against polyg-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.

Virgitia. In the House the Geneva award bill came up, but being antagonized by Mr. Hewitt, was postpened, and the House went isto committee of the whole on the Mexican war pension till. This action will probably delay action on the Geneva award bill until next week, as the Ways and Means Committee will have the House to morrow, the Miss's ippl levees the next day,

Michael Daly, inspector of sewers, and Peter and Friday is private bill day.

Malin nurveyor, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are on The Finance Committee of the Senate met to day, but did not take up the tobacco tax naetian.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee of the House on the sugar tax question is adelphis, have struck for ten per cent, iceresse | considered by disinterested parties to be about as feir as could have well been devised, and the presumption is that it will be adopted. Of course I do not refer to free trade men.

In the Petter estemittee this morning Kelley, the negro messenger in Governor Kelloge's office in New Orleans, swore that he, with his own eyes, saw E. P. Blacebard, now dead, forge the pame of Joffico, a presidential class ter, to the returns that were sent to the Senate. The Nava! Committee this morning heard

paval constructor Hauscomb attempt to defend himself against the charges that implicate him in the crookedness of ex Secretary Robeson. The only appointment sent to the Sepate

to day by the President, except some postmasters for towns in other States than Virginia, is that of W. H. H. Clayton, of Arkansas, to be volving nearly if not quite the entire State. The U. S. Atterney for the western district of that State. Among the postmasters appointed is J. H. Shuttleworth, of Clarkeburg, West Vir-Justice Huat, of the Supreme Court, is im-

proving, and it is now thought will recover from and requested that he veto any law passed by Congress enforcing the sot of 1862 in relation to his recent attack of paralysis, but not sufficient. y to resume his place upon the beach.

Mr. Columbus Alexander informed me this Yesterday morning was the coldest of the season at Albany, N. Y., the mercary being six morning that he supposed the grand jury would certainly indict Gen. Hauton for sending him a challenge last summer, and that he did not degrees below zero. Teams crossed the Hudson see how they could possibly avoid doing so. The grand jury will meet on the 20th inst.

of ferry boats at Rhinebook and transferred pas-In a conversation with one of the members of the House this morning he informed me that A disabled freight train on the Marietta and he meant to vote for Mr. Wright's bill lend-Cincinnati Railroad was run into by an extra ing five hundred dellors to every settler on t freight train just as it reached a trestle thirty homestead in the West, not because he approved feet high vesterday. Three passengers lapad off, of a single feature of the bill, but for the sole alighting on the solid ice below. One was killed, reason that "he was not going to sit quietly and another fatally is jored, and the third bad his allow any man to be a bigger demagogue than he is. A bill for the establishment of the whipping

Secator Johnston has returned from his Christmas holiday. His numerous friends will be glad to know that he has almost entirely re covered from the low fever that kept bim indisposed during the earlier part of the session. Assoon as practicable Judge Harris, of Vir-

the Hudson river yesterday. About 1,000 mon engaged in cutting ice near Albany, N. Y., vison their angual visit in the spring.

PIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

of Public Works to make inquires concerning the conditions and relation of the Atlantic, Mississing i and Ohio Railroad Company and the Nortolk and Petersburg and the Southside and Virginia and Tennesses Railroad Companies; to take steps to ascertain the rights and inter-Anthony submitted a resolution providing that est of creditors and stockholders in said rail ter 61 of the Cede excerning the rights and jected to, to be discussed under the five minute purchases of works of internal improvement companies. Mr. Butier, of S. C., submitted a resolution

The House substituted for the Senate reso lution calling a conference of bandholders, comicg up, a resolution to lay it on the table was ost, ayes 9-noes 23.

Mr. Hurt, of Halifex, moved to strike out the preamble.

Mr. Paul presented an amendment to the preamble, to come in after the word "State" in references to a possible reduction in the value Mr. Davis, of W. Ve., called up a resolution of lands in the State under the assessment of Mr. Paul advocated his amendment.

Mr. Bland bad given up all hopes, he said, of any settlement of the debt by the present General Assembly. He did not believe that the Legislature wanted a conference with the to the Senate resolutions enclosing information creditors. He did not believe that the Lord's in regard to sheep husbandry;ia response to the Proyer cou'd be gotten through this Legislature aithout an amendment.

Mr. Pa kersor: Oa the buis of the Barbour correspondence between cur Government and Great Britain, in regard to inviting other mar-Mr. Brooke saw behind all the amendments time powers to accede to three rules prescribing ing the duty of neutral governments as set forth

proposed the grand object of a conference of the creditors. He therefore favored the House in the 6th article of the treaty of Washington. substitute, yielding any objection he might have to the phraseology of the resolution.

Mr. Fulkerson said he had despaired of any sattlement of the debt question. He thought that the gass in might have been disposed of had not this resolution been presented; but it sounds the knell of readjustment, for this session at least.

Mr. Paul's amendment to the preamble was j-oted-ayet8; noes 27.

Mr. Phlegar moved to amend the preamble by striking out the words "impracticability of increasing the present rate" and inserting the words 'present burdens of taxation, Mr. Brocke opposed the amerdment for the

reason that any amendment would entail desy, and for the further reason that now it is 'impracticable" to increase taxation. Mr. Phlegar's amendment was defeated, ayes

12. nges 21. Mr. Hurt's motion to strike out the preamble was defeated, ages 12, nocs 21. The House substitute as hererofre published

was then adopted, ayes 24, noes 9. A resolution was adopted requesting the Committee on Ejucation to inquire into and report a detailed statement of what disposition was made of the sum of \$151,705.99 alleged to to have been paid to officers of the free schools; to ecquire into and report by what authority able, and of late he had become somewhat intem- the Virginia Educational Journal is published; perate, and had several times threatened to take the cost of its publication, or if any part of the his life. Near the body was found a half empty east of said publication, is or has been borne

the annual expenditure from said fund on ac

count of said publication.

In the House of Delegates bills, resolutions &c. were introduced and referred, for the relief of W.B.K Price, of King George; for the relief

solidate in buying coupons to pay taxes; as io the constitutionality of either branch of the General Assembly to make an appropriation without the concurrence of both bracees; ex-aping certain land from taxation and to enclurage ferent parts of the North and West praying for immigration; to amend the Code as to how judgment debters may be compelled to discov er and surrender their estates; to provide fer the revision of the civil code; calling on the amy were presinted in the Senate this morn-Committee on Roads to report the amount of indebtedness of the James River and Kanawha Company secured by mertgages upon its Among the bills introduced was one for the property, &2; that the said committee also report whether the previsions of the act of the General Assembly amending the charter of the said company have been complied with; concering certein State bonds donated by W. W. Corcoran to the University of Virginia for the endowment of a professorstip of no ural science; to incorporate the Virginia and Statesville Narrow Guage railroad.

Bil's were reported from committees prosoribing the times for holding the terms of the Circuit courts of the Fitteenth judicial circuit; authorizing the principal of the High school of Jeffersonville to confer certificates of distinc tion; to levy a special tax in the cay of Danville; | Gov. Hartranfourrived here one half miante afto reduce the commissions of the commissioners | ter the drep tell-just thirty seconds too late to of the revenue of Loudous county; submitting the quisties of liquir licenses or no liquer licersus to the voters of Fair fex county; to repeal the net establishing a department of agricultural; and to repeal the set creating a Railroad Commissioner for

the State of Virginia. A resolution was introduced requestion the Auditor to inform the House of Delegates whether tho : um of \$972 262 49 is sufficient to pay four per cent, interest, and if unt, to explain to the House the apparent discrepancy between his annual report and his special re

Mr. Fauntleroy proposed the folimies amendment: And that the Auditor state in his response to this resolution what is the whole comprehensive amount of the interest bearing debt of Virginia upon which interest is anoual ly to be paid and provided for under the constitution, and upon that basis what per ornt the present rate of texation will pay. The amendment was agreed to and the reso

lation as amended then passed. The bill to amend the code in reference to the counting of the vote by the Board of State

Canvassers was passed. A bill was ordered to engressment alioning accussed in cases of seduction and rape and as sault with attempt to kill to testify, an amend ment first briog adopted requiring the judge, where accused decline to testify, to ics runt the jury that no inference of guilt shall be

At I o'clock both Houses proceeded to cleet a judge for the County Court of Carroll to supply the vacater caused by the resignation of Hon. Garland Hale, when Mr. David W. Bolen was cleeted.

drawn therefrom.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazatte. RICHMOND, Jan. 13 .- The Legislature to day transacted a large amount of important business. The Senate, after considerable debate, agreed drop. The fail was over three feer, and the to House substitute for Senate joint resolution calling a conference of bendholders.

It would seem from the resolutions presented by Mr. Stevens and adopted by the House, that the proposed railroad scheme in hen of the James River Canal is not altogether settled and that the road is not all couleur de rose. The resolutions call on the Committee on Roads to report the amount of indebtedness of the James River and Kanawha Company secured by mort gages upon its property, &a.; that the said committee also report whether the provisious of the per of the General Assembly passed the the coestruction of a fish way at the Great Falls of March, 1860, amending the charter of the coestruction of a fish way at the Great Falls of the said company, have been complied with or Sheriff said he had no idea that a reprieve tor, and see if there export the said complied with, where and especially would be granted by the Governor, nor did say whether the set aforesaid releasing the secured of the authorities here articlease such a conliens of the State for an equal amount of preferred stock inured to the beneus of the fien holders other than the State, under sail mert In the the Senate yesterday, a resolution was gages, and upon the latter subject they may introduced and referred, instruction the Board | obtain the opinion of the Attorney General and file the same with their report.

There was another flare up on that bone of contention "the public debt" in the House, and much elequence displayed on both sides of the question. It sress from a resolution of erquiry presented by Mr. Fowler, of Washington courty, calling upon the Auditor of Public Accounts to isform the House of Delegates whether the sum of \$972,262,49 is sufficient to pay 4 per cent, interest, and if not, to explain the apparent discrepancy between his annual report and his rice at special report. To this Mr. Fauntleroy. of Winchester, presented an amendment which was adopted that the Auditor state in response what is the whole comprehensive amount of the interest beating debt of Virginia upon which interest is appually to be paid and provided for under the constitution, and upon that basis what per cent. the present rate of taxation will The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. John Bell Bigger, the accomplished clerk of the House, has been quite ill for saveral days. His absence from Lisseat is much fe't by every body, especially by his immediate assistants who are necessarily overworked.

The readjusters' conference to night was well

attended and their plans at this time seem to be to organize, and to accomplish that end bay; adopted a resolution callog for a convecof the readjusters throughout the State to meet in this city on the 18th of February. The exccu iva committee has been directed to prepare an address setting forth the reasons for the callice of the convention.

As already stated in the Gazatte the Board of Supervisors of E izabeth City county having charged Gen. Armstrone, Superiorendest of the Hampton Normal School, with exempting himself from the payment of taxes on certain real estate by listing the property as belonging to the institution over which he presides a sub committee of the Finance Committee has been appointed to visit the Hampton Normal School and investigate the charges.

The flood here has been the cause of much damage to property. The river is rising and the ice gorge below the city is as firm and as impenetrable as the recks of Gibralter. Navi gation will remain suspended for sometime to

Rev. Dr. Sprige, of Alexandria, has, I understand, accepted the call of the Moore Memorial Church of this city. It is also stated that he will transfer the publication of the Southern Churchman to Richmond.

There were many amusing scenes early this morning. The streets were one sheet of ice and the "ups and downs" were quite sumercus. No broken limbs reported however.

Mr. Carter, of Loudeus, in the conference of the readjusters to night stated that his constituency did not understand why there should be a conference with the creditors. As for his himself be was opposed to it, as he be lieved that conference meant compromise and compromise in his opinion meant nothing clse but an increase of taxation. To settle the mind, of those whom he represented the cost of its publication, or if any part of the and a large majority of the tax payers of the cost of said publication, is or has been borne. State, he presented a resolution, which was by the sobool fand; and if so, what has been adopted, that as a fundamental principal of the organization-'one of whom he is which''-we oppose without qualification or equivocation. either by direct or indirect legislation, any increase of taxation. STRONGROW

Explosion.

CARDIFF, Jan. 14 -An explosion took place in the Dinas Colliery in the Knondda valley last night. About sixty persons are believed to have been killed.

Execution of Mollie Magnires. MAUCH CHUNK Pa., Jan. 14-10:40 a. m.necks of Sharpe and McDoncell have been broken. A telegraphic reprieve has just arcrime for which they have been executed was Nov. 5, 1863. Smith was a coal operator at but not in the nighborhood of any large blood Audenried, and, although he was a highly re- | vessel. spectable man, he was much distiked by the have expiated the crime upon the gallows. MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Jan. 14 -What was

thought would be one of the quietest execu tions which over took place in Mauch Chunk has proved the mest exeluing. A reprieve from Representatives in Congress and the railroads, save their lives. The condemned men slept quietly lest night. McDonnell left orders upon hat hour Sharps was fest asleep. Neither of facilities than this city. them cut any breakfast this mercing. The priests, Fathers Bunce and Lieban, arrived about 7 o'clock, and mass was said in McDonpell's cell in the presence of a number of relatives of the doomed men. At half past nine the doors of the prison were opened to those who had passes, and the carridors were soon well find with a mixed crowd, who ix mined the repes, witnessed the attaching of them to the scaffold beam and the other preparations. It was a serious time, and the shoriff gave strict orders to his assistants to allow no levity on the part of the crowd. At 10:25 the sheriff knock ed on the dears of the cells as a signal that he was ready. The condemned men did not ap he priests, the policemen and the sheriff at once went upon the scaffold. After a short service the sheriff said : "James McDonnell, have you anything to say before I proceed further?" McDonnell replied, speaking in a firm voice: "I um as innocent of the murder i nated myself from the Holy Catho is Church. forgive everybedy.

In reply to the sheriff's question, Sharpe sid he was ienceent of the murder of Smith. He said he had intended to have read a statemore written for him by Mr. Boyle, of the Coal Gazatte, but he would not, and asked that gencteau to be sure to publish it. The men were then shaekled and every one

I fe the scaffold but the doomed mee. The sherff took hold of the rope attached to the spring and awaited a signal from Father Bonce before the drop fell and shouted to the doorkceper. In a moment a white handkerchief fell from the latter's hand and the sheriff pulled the men came down heavily, McDonnell stemed to die instantly, but Sharpe struggled violently. A reprieve was received in Mauck Chuck by telegraph at 10:37, and the manager of the Western Union Telegraph office rushed to the iail with it. He rang the bell violently about half a misute. Mrs. MeDoquell and her children were also at the door weeping loudly, but the doorkeeper did not stem to understand that the dispatch was a reprieve. It was from Gov. J. F. Hartranft, and granted a reprieve until

The Sheriff was about to put on the white caps when Sharpe said he wished to leave his thanks with the Sheriff and the officers of the jul. McDonnell simply said the same. The men than kissed their caucifixes passionately. and the priests whispered words of emsolution in their cars, as the white caps were draws over

morning finally agreed to extend the time for the execution of Sharps and McDonnell to the 20th inst., but the news of the execution in answer to his telegraphic reprieve of course put and the Governor would only grant a reprieve for a few days.

The Governor did not reach his office until a quar er before ten o'clock this morning .-After hearing the attorney's plea for a respite, e decided about 10:30 to grant it. The teleram weether written and filled in the telegraph flice at 10:35 and sent at 10:36. No further so change the set making an additional appropriation for the delay is issuing the respite is printed for mail car service as to authorize the reason for the delay is issuing the respite is gives, but that the fact that the Governor did not reach his office until the time above indicated shows that very little time was lost, after hearing the reasons for the request for a re-

The Dead Murderer.

After the strangled budy of Berjimio Hunter, the murder of John M. Armstrong, was cut down from the gallows, it was given in all tais had been done, and the service rendered charge of John C. Hunter, the broken hearted brother, and taken to Philidelphia as quietly as possible and place to the undertaker's shop.

There it remained umit one o'clock Saunday that the tour article has been copied by papers all that our article has been copied by papers all morning, when it was privately removed to the home of the sorrewing family of the dead man. Before the execution took place crowds of people began gathering in from of the house where Hunter had lived, and as the day were on a motley and noisy throng idly waited for the expected undertaker's wagon containing the corpse | good thing deserves the names of the press. of the murderer. But they waited in valo for a charge of satisfying their morbid cravings, and at length this disgraceful and ucseemly exhibition of bad toste was put an end to by the police, who, at the solicitation of the family, drove the throng away and assured them that their curiosity would not be satisfied. At one o'clock Saturday merolog, when the streets were deserted, the body was taken home and placed in the second story front room in an ice box. Mr. John C. Hunter stayed with the family all night. The faueral took place yesterday and was as private as possible. No public announce-

ment of the time or place was made. It is understood that Hunter in his will leaves what remains of his estate to his wife and children. A gentleman who interested himself in the doomed man's behalf, says that the defence could not have cost Hunter lets than \$15,000, and this amount, taken from what he was rep-resented to be worth, along with his wife's interest, in all \$40,000, would leave the family in very good circumstacces. It is said that the

family will remove to the West. Dr. Thomas H. Andrew. Demonstrater of Anstemy in the Jefferson Medical callege, was present at the hanging, in his official capacity. under the orders of the sheriff. He states that about ten misutes previous to the banging he saw the culprit. He was Ising upon the bed, and upon being questioned dif not answer. Shortly before coming down stairs to meer his doom he made a request for a stimu last, which was granted him in the shape of about two cueses of whiskey, not enough, however, in the language of the dector, to produce the semi-consciousness which he showed previous to execution. This condition was the

was exerciated. The cool investigations of eciance ... ow that the pist and a half of blood The drep has just fallen, and it is foured the amounted to scarcely an ounce, and the severying of the artery was merely the fracture of a vein,

Professer Andrews, who made an efficial exemination of Huster's body for the surpose rived, but about one minute too late. The of cartifying his death before the Coroner, declares that there was a slight iccision notice the murder of Geo. K. Smith on the night of able on the left leg, immediately over the tibia.

The funeral took place pesterday morning. "Buckshots," as the present Mollie Maguires a large crowd having gathered about the house were then called. A Siegular fatality has fol- as if something of unusual importance was lowed the participants in the Smith murder, about to cour. There were nine corriages in "Long John." Denohue, who is supposed to be the funeral procession, and among those in atthe min who presented Mis. Smith with the tendates were the widow and brother of Hanetter, was shot at Tuscarora, "Yellow Jack" | ter and two clergy men. The procession moved Donohue was hanged at Manch Chunk. Jack ratilly to the Old Fellow cemetery, where Kehoe suffered the same fate last month at the remains were deposited in a let, said to be Pettsville, and to day Sharpe and McDonnell owned by a brother of Huster, and where there were no ceremanies whatever.

The Mails.

Beiwein the Posteffice Department, our we are without tolerable mail facilities.

There is not a village in any northern State, near a railroad, which has five thousand inhabiretiring to be called at midnight for prayer. At tants, that is not furnished with better mail

Take the Western States of Obio, louises. Illineis, lows and Michigan and there is no comparison in the ratiway mail service. The Southern railroads forming the great trush line, are not to blame, they say and, in our opicion, say truly, that they were not given all the mail that they could carry, as well or bet ter, than Northern roads esmacting South, not enough to justify their keeping two trains per day in winter, and that Congress having out down the pay to railways for quait s raice about fifteen per cent., they were compelled to give up one train. They say further, that they were induced to go to expense for postal cars, and were never allowed a fair compensation for peer for some time, but when they did, they them, nor was their quentity of mail matter did not show the Last fear. The prisoners, increased. In June last, the Southern rottle increased. was running two trains, making fourteen trips per week, each way. Outhis route the Wash ington City and Viceion Midland road was paid annually \$200 50 per mile for mail servie -the Atlante, Mississippi and Outs road \$176 20, while the Penns, vania Cours', from f Smith as the call dupbore. I have already Philadelphia to Pinisburg, making forcy two ring to the Bures murder.' I:m sorry I ever trips, was raid \$897.50 per mile. New, look ing at this matter geographically, the great Southern route was caritled to earry in re mat matter than the Pennsylvania Control, because ther; were fewer Southern roads empetingin fact, the competition with the Souther truck line is by Northern reads alone,

It is plein that Southern mail matter was diverted at Philadelphia, and went West and then South. This road in tries performed three times the service, or rather can three meles to our one, and received four and a ball times the pay per mile. It is no soswer to say it confed more pounds. Geographically, and tooking at icip neimple bus ness point diview, it was not entitled to curry as much. We are disposed to compliant our representatives, all over the South, in this matter. They conces y make these matters equal wace the appropriation is

We should have "put in our-shavel" when he \$450 000 appropriation was made.

We shall never, perhaps, not at the tight of this matter, but with a republican administration and postal department, and a democratic House to originate the appropriations-inclined to economy, it is human nature if the apprepriarious for a department are eas down by the House, to make the comount bear as hord as Monlay. There was great excitement in the possible on the friends of the economies. This town when the news of the reprieve was is, at least, not head human nature. We hope made knows. The friends of the pris-our representatives at along the Konnesia made knows. The friends of the bodies which four representatives at allow the friends which fourt, and our Sepators will ser up this most

Now that Congress is once more in s.s.ino. we hope that all of the members who are to forested in the great Southern mail hoe will see to it that the resolution passed just before the adj urement, with a view to keeping up the poetal eir service, la so modified as to cire u the bear fix to which we are curried. little don't that the prevision found is the ameedment aligned to was not there especially transft who returned from Washington early this by the friends of competing and routes, so as well naderstood that even a great truck line, such as this is, could not compete with their fixes, so long as we are confided to sing: daily In this matter, the companies that have an end to all further efforts to save the men. agents all the time looking after their interests. No hopes were entertained for a final pardon, at Washington, outwitted our friends in Conat Washington, outwitted our intends in congress. Hence the provise that write-lly, for the present at less, condems us to single daily trains, with an interval of twenty-four hours between the arrival, or departure, as the case may be, of mails along our lines butch a condition of things could not exist on any of the great lines ess of the Potomic.

Now what we decrease is that Congress about Now what we demand is, that Congress shall

Postmaster General to give us two daily mails, and thus justify our lines in running double daily trains, for the accommodation of the four million of people that are supplied by this line. A week or more ago we commented on this this subject at some length, showing how the Postoffice Department had evinced its high anpreciation of these times; had encouraged the companies to provide postal care for the service: and induced them to put their roadbeds in order, to run fast mail traics and said that after witcout adequate compensation, to the entire satisfaction of the Department, these lines were along the fine, from Alexanders to stating Tennessee, -I yachburg Virginian

An exchange says: I here are more punmade on Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup free of charge, than are paid for ty the owners. A

DIED

Entered into rest, this morning, at 0 50 o'cl'k, MARY ANN, beloved wheer John T. Felden, aged 18 years. And Funeral from the First Baptist Church on Iburaday afternoon, Jan. 16, at 2 c'clock.

Hear what the voice from heaven dec'ares To those in Christ who die; Re'essed from all their earthly cares, They'll reign with Blue on high,

In Fredericksburg, on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1879, Mrs. SUSAN T. MARON,

wi'e of W. E. Mason, esq, in the 40th year of

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